

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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STRIKE BY EMPLOYEES OF OIL UNION ON DISINVESTMENT

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the trade unions in Oil Companies have sent notices to the Union Government to go on indefinite strike from the day the Government announces their schedule for the privatisation of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPCL) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL);

(b) if so, the details thereof; (

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the measures proposed to be taken to ensure that supplies of petro products remained uninterrupted during the strike period ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) Some of the trade unions of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPCL) had served strike notice against the Government's decision for the strategic sale of HPCL.

(c) & (d): A committee has been set up to meet the exigencies and contingency plans have been drawn in conjunction of oil marketing companies (OMCs) to maintain uninterrupted supply and distribution of petroleum products during the strike period. Also, HPCL management has approached respective Regional Labour Commissioners to intervene in the matter for reconciliation. In case of emergency and total strike by the Public Sector OMCs, it is planned to avail assistance of the Territorial Army for operation, safety and security of the plants under the supervision of the respective location In-charge.